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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR OPERATIONS FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJ: BRAILLE WATCHES

REF STATE A-476

1. WE CAN EFFECTIVELY USE UP TO 50 BRAILLE WATCHES  
AT A SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND BEING RUN BY THE PEACE CORPS  
IN WESTERN SAMOA, WHERE I AM ACCREDITED AS NON-RESIDENT  
AMBASSADOR. SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS STILL CONSIDERABLY  
LESS THAN 50 BUT POSSIBILITY OF EARNING A BRAILLE WATCH  
WILL ATTRACT ADDITIONAL BLIND CHILDREN.

2. ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND HAS  
EXPERIENCED IS THAT SAMOAN PARENTS ARE FATALISTIC  
ABOUT BLINDNESS, CONSIDERING IT AN ACT OF FATE AGAINST  
WHICH MAN CANNOT STRUGGLE. FAVORABLE IMPACT ON THIS  
NEGATIVE ATTITUDE IS LIKELY IF PARENTS CAN ACTUALLY SEE  
THEIR BLIND CHILDREN TELLING TIME.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSE.  
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